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IN ARTICLE APPEARING IN WINTER 1977-78 EDITION OF "FOREIGN
POLICY" MAGAZINE ENTITLED "DATELINE NIGERIA" AUTHOR JEAN
HERSKOVITS SAYS QUOTE: YET DESPITE OPEC MEMBERSHIP,
NIGERIA HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSIST AFRICANS
SO AFFECTED (BY HIGH ENERGY COSTS), BY SUPPLYING OIL AT
DIFFERENTIAL PRICES AND BY GIVING INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO
PAY FOR IT. UNQUOTE. DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE OF CONCESSIONAL
SALES OF PETROLEUM TO AFRICAN STATES (WITH MINOR EXCEPTION
OF LIMITED DISCOUNT AND VOLUME TO TOGO) AND OF ANY LOAN
PROGRAM CREATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT
FROM ADDRESSEES. VANCE

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